TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 7089

August 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a law enforcement officer to detain a person for a mental health examination prior to issuing a charge or initiating an arrest if the officer has reason to believe the person is subject to detention for the purpose of examination for certification of need for care and treatment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-6-402, a law enforcement officer may take a person into custody without a civil order or warrant for immediate examination for certification of need for care and treatment, if the officer believes the person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm because of a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.
- There is not estimated to be a significant change in the number of arrests or involuntary committals to inpatient treatment facilities in the state as a result of the proposed legislation.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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